

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

The Helper

John 14:16-18; 26

1. If you have Jesus, you have the Helper, the Holy Spirit.

- *John 14:16-18 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may be **with you forever**";¹⁷ that is the **Spirit** of truth, **whom the world cannot receive**, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him **because He abides with you and will be in you...***
- ***World cannot receive.***
 - *It is not that Jesus is withholding the Spirit from the world. Acts 2:38-39.*
- *Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21.*
 - *The Holy Spirit **opens the door** to all, including the "function" of service.*



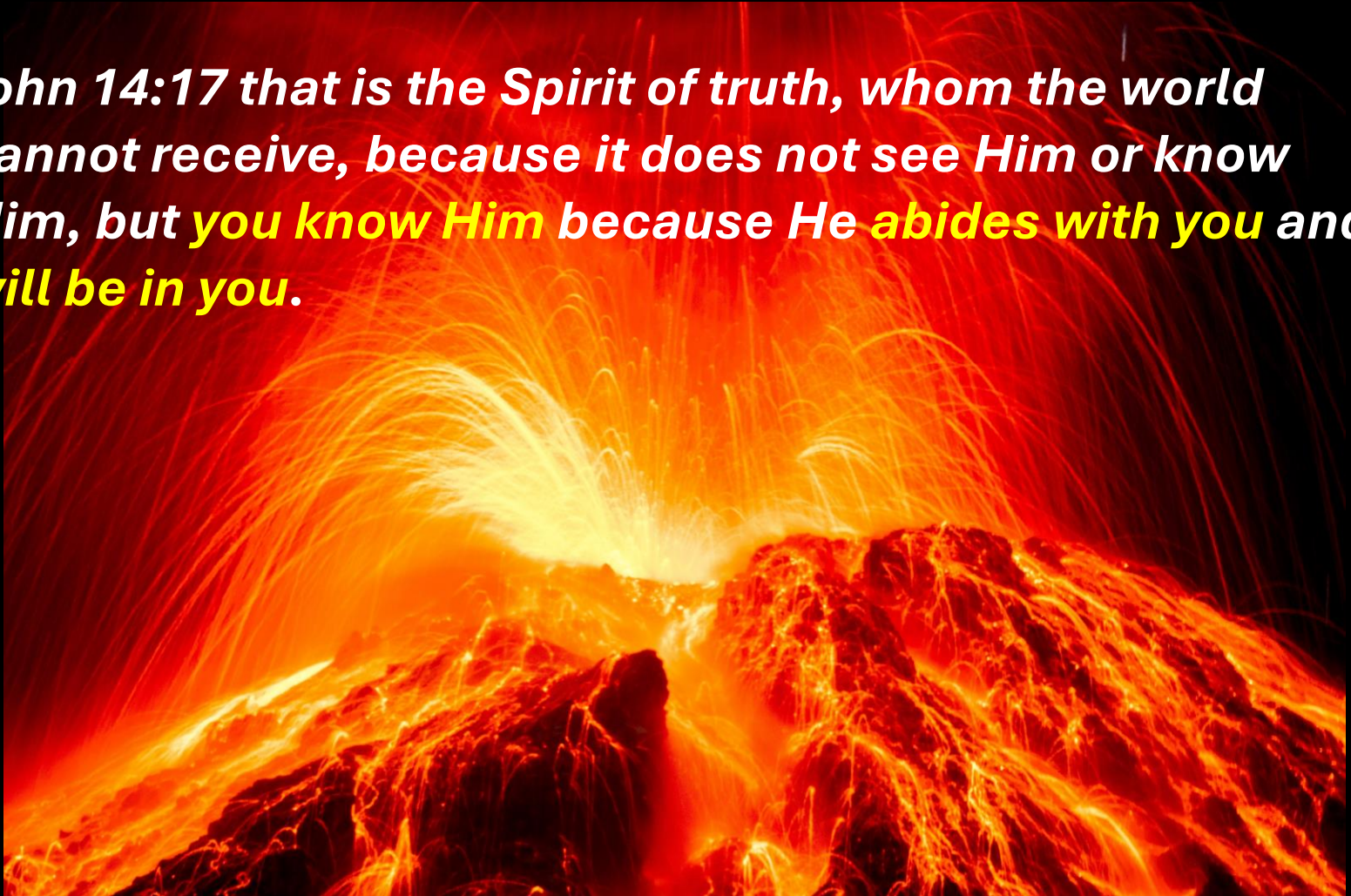
You cannot separate the light from the source that creates it. You can only choose to not turn the light on.



*“... whom the world cannot receive, because **it does not see Him or know Him...**” v 16*

You cannot separate heat from the source that generates it. If you have Jesus, you have the Helper.

John 14:17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but **you know Him** because He **abides with you** and **will be in you.**

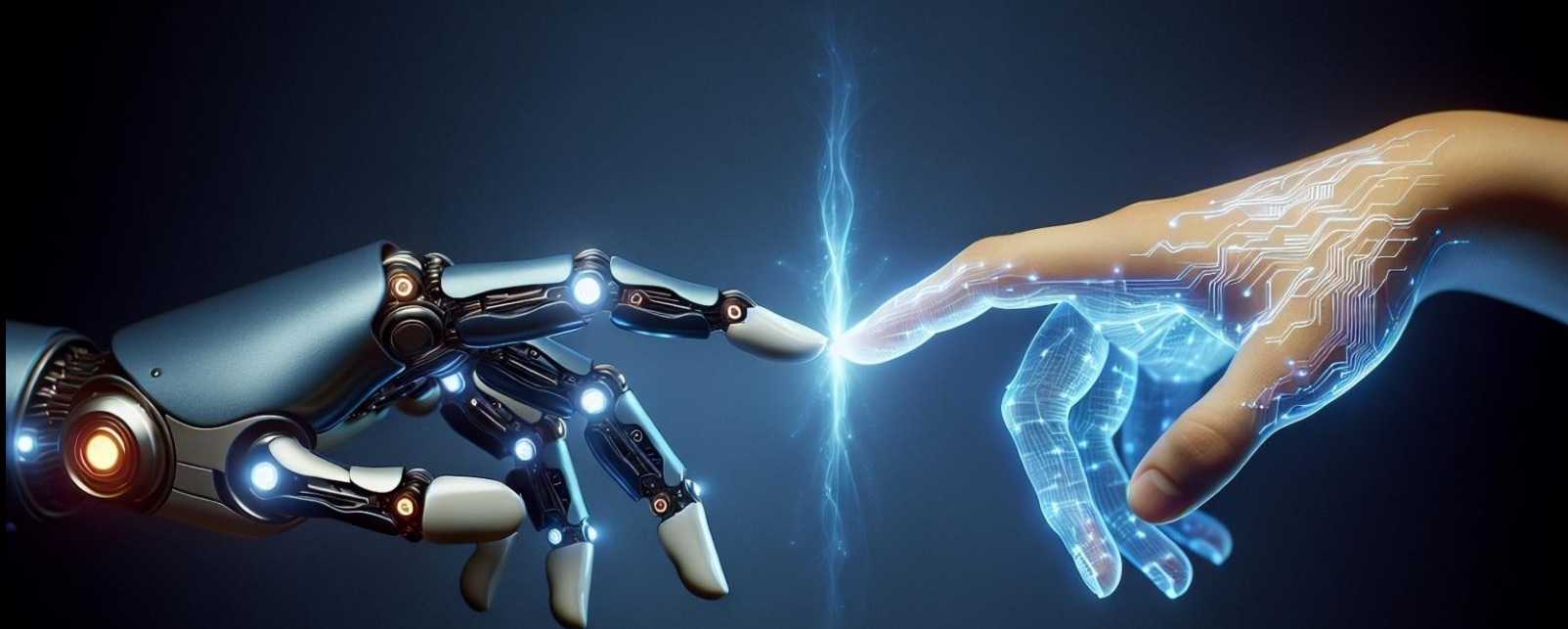


2. *The Helper* (“parakletos”) is always present for believers.

- *“Helper” – most used title in John’s gospel for the Spirit.*
- *John 16:7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you.”*
- *John 14:16 – “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may be with you forever.”*
- *John 14:26 – “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, ...”*
- *John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, ... who proceeds from the father, He shall testify about Me.”*



*AI is everywhere. It can help us in every place we ask it. But it cannot **convict of sin**, **provide hope** to the hopeless, **relief** to the grieving, or **guide us into the will of God**. The **Divine Helper** is **always there** – even people reject you.*



*Jn. 14:18. "I **will not leave you as orphans**; I will come to you."*

3. *The Helper is truth for believers.*

2nd most used term in John's gospel for the Spirit.

- *Jn. 14:17 that is the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, **because it does not see Him or know Him**, but you know Him because He **abides with you and will be in you**. (NAU)*
- *Jn. 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the **Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,*
- ***Joh 16:13** "But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will **guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.*



*Think of “truth” as a **treasure** behind a locked door. Without the key, you will not be able to open the door. The **Helper** is the key that unlocks the door. 1 Cor 2:14.*

*The Helper does not **create truth** or **write new Scripture**, but He illumines the truth God has already revealed.
John 16:13*



- *The role of the **Helper** is like a “chisel” that reframes truth as Scripture defines it.*
- *Pride month?*
 - *Gen 1:27-28; Matt 19:4*
- *Same-sex marriage? Gen 2:24; Matt 19:4*
- *Is gender self-defined?*
 - *2 Tim. 2:24-26 The Lord's bond-servant must not be **quarrelsome**, but be **kind to all**, able to teach, patient when wronged,²⁵ with **gentleness correcting those who are in opposition**, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,²⁶ and they may **come to their senses** and **escape from the snare of the devil**, having been held captive by him to do his will.”*



Calls to Action.

- A. Is there an area in your life as a believer that you have given over to the “crowd.” Why not make the bold stand today to allow the Word of God to define truth instead of the way that the majority defines it? **If you make that decision, the Helper will help you understand the reason why this is a better choice.***
- B. Have you “orphaned” yourself from the Helper? If Jesus said, “it is to your advantage that I go away [so that the Holy Spirit can come to you],” do you think embracing a healthy belief in the Helper is a first step to **depending upon Him** as your “helper”?*

